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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is present interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 1-17 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

REJECTION UNDER '112, 2ND PAR. OBLIVIATED VIA CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claims 3-4, 7 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC '112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the concerns listed on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Appropriate ones of such claims have been carefully reviewed and carefully amended where appropriate in order to address the Office Action listed concerns. As the foregoing is believed to have addressed all '112 second paragraph concerns, reconsideration and withdrawal of the '112 second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

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ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 1, 5-6, 8, 10-12 and 16 have been allowed in the application, as indicated within the section number "7" on page 24 of the Office Action. Ones of such claims have been minorly amended (e.g., to improve clarity, correct antecedents, remove extraneous portions) within this paper in a manner believed not to affect an allowability thereof. Reconsideration and renewal of the allowance are respectfully requested. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

REWRITTEN ALLOWABLE CLAIM(S)

Claims 3, 7 and 9 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten, as indicated within the section numbered "6" on page 24 of the Office Action, and at least appropriate base ones of such claims have been so rewritten. Further, ones of such claims have been minorly amended (e.g., to improve clarity, correct antecedents, remove extraneous portions) within this paper in a manner believed not to affect an allowability thereof. Reconsideration and renewal of the allowance are respectfully requested. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

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REJECTION UNDER 35 USC '103

The 35 USC '103 rejection of claims 2, 13-15 and 17 as being unpatentable over Bi et al. (U.S. Patent 7,113,173) in view of Geoghegan (U.S. Patent 7,165,054); and the rejection of claim 4 as being unpatentable over Bi et al. (U.S. Patent 7,113,173) in view of Geoghegan (U.S. Patent 7,165,054) and Chantrain et al. (U.S. Patent 6,944,664); are respectfully traversed. However, such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present clarifying amendments to Applicant's claims, and accordingly, traversal arguments are not appropriate at this time. However, Applicant respectfully submits the following to preclude renewal of any such rejections against Applicant's clarified claims.

All descriptions of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention, and all descriptions and rebuttal arguments regarding the applied prior art, as previously submitted by Applicant in any form, are repeated and incorporated hereat by reference. Further, all Office Action statements regarding the prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. As additional arguments, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks supplied from Applicant's foreign representative.

In Applicant's invention, as described in specification page 10 lines 13-15, it is possible to read information on a slip sheet by means of an electronic pen device arranged to read information indicated by dot-patterns on the sheet. On the contrary, in Bi reference (USP 7,113,173), an electronic pen device can only be utilized on a digitizer panel 110b. That is, Bi's techniques cannot be applied to a system using a sheet or paper on which information have been provided. Also in Applicant's invention, it is possible to specify a kind of slip, such as described in specification page 9 lines 23-25, and also defined by claim representations, for

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example, "... to be able to specify a kind thereof together with king information of said document...". Bi's system however cannot be used for specifying a kind of slip.

Geoghegan reference(USP 7,165,054) fails to disclose or suggest such important features of Applicant's invention, i.e. specifying a kind of slip, at all. In short, Applicant's invention is directed to techniques for specifying such kind as well as usage of information obtained therefrom.

No other applied reference cures the major deficiency mentioned above with respect to the primary and secondary references. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that the applied references (taken alone, or in combination) would not have disclosed or suggested Applicant's claimed invention.

In addition to the foregoing comments, the following additional comments are respectfully submitted by the Undersigned. Applicant's prior art rejected claims have been further clarified to recite, for example (independent claim 2), an "...electronic pen terminal device is adapted to interface with document identifying indicia of said document, said document identifying indicia dictating data entry layout areas of said document, where said information is written; said document taking-over apparatus comprising: communication means for receiving said electronic data including said information written to said data entry layout areas, from said electronic pen terminal device through said network and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage;". It is respectfully submitted that (at minimum) the applied references (taken alone, or in combination) would not have disclosed or suggested any arrangement meeting the above-indicated features/limitations of Applicant's claimed invention.

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As a result of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art (taken alone and in the Office Action combinations) would not support a '103 obviousness-type rejection of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of such '103 rejection, and express written allowance of all of the '103 rejected claims, are respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to

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maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of
subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully
submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the
application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37
CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees,
including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-
2135 (Case No. 500.43858X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit
account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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